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1. MINISTER GLITMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DEFENSE ADVISOR, REARADMIRAL HUBBARD, VISITED MADRID ON JUNE 13 TO BRIEF THE SPANISH ON THE RECENT NATO SUMMIT MEETING. AS IN THE PAST, THE BRIEFING WAS HELD UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL'S AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO. (ON MAY 20, DASD/ISA SIENA HAD BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE ON THE DPC MINISTERIAL.) THE SENIOR SPANISH OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED WERE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE SPECIAL EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE THIS BRIEFING.

2. MINISTER GLITMAN DESCRIBED ALLIANCE WORK OVER THE PAST YEAR -- WHICH CULMINATED AT THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT -- ON THE EAST-WEST STUDY, THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, THE "TRANS-ATLANTIC DIALOGUE" ON DEFENSE PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT, AS WELL AS ON THE SHORT-TERM DEFENSE MEASURES
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AGREED LAST YEAR. HE ALSO TOUCHED ON SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS ON AFRICA, NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, ARMS LIMITATIONS NEGOTIATIONS, EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEMS, AND THE FRENCH DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS AT SSOD. HE REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY'S HAVING COVERED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA IN NEW YORK THE TREATMENT AT THE SUMMIT OF POSSIBLE SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO (REF B).

3. THE BULK OF THE SPANISH QUESTIONS FOLLOWING MINISTER GLITMAN'S PRESENTATION FOCUSED ON THE GOAL OF A 3 INCREASES IN NATO MEMBER COUNTRY DEFENSE BUDGETS, NATO DISCUSSIONS ON AFRICA, THE CURRENT QUALITY OF DETENTE, THE PROBLEMS ON NATO'S FLANKS, INCLUDING THE U.S. EMBARGO ON ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY, AND THE FRENCH DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS.
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